

the feet * * * Cold feet or numb limbs are readily cured * * * Neuralgia and Rheumatism—Yield at once by the influence of this Ointment. It has cured the worst cases of neuralgia in three minutes and there is no return of the pain. It does not scatter pain to other localities but cures at once. Rheumatic pains and acute Rheumatism are relieved as if by magic. Ulcerated Sores, Scrofulous * * * and Scald Head are obstinate affections, and will require perseverance to effect a cure. * * * It will reduce the inflammation, extract all the irritating humors and heal the sores without endangering the health. * * * Ague in the Face or Breast—Is speedily cured * * * Earache— * * * Rupture—Apply the Ointment freely * * * It allays the inflammation, is very strengthening and has been known to cure this trouble. * * * For the Use of Ladies—For weak back, it is most excellent. For Ulceration of the Womb, Leucorrhoea or inflamed condition of the parts apply the Ointment * * * healing and has effected remarkable cures. Headache— * * * it is all powerful in allaying pain, reducing inflammation and curing all skin diseases, * * * can be taken internally with benefit, in all throat and bronchial affections. No Other Remedy Can Take its Place in Throat and Lung Affections. * * * use this Ointment for Catarrh. * * * For the cure of Piles, this Ointment is unexcelled. * * * and It Cures. [Testimonial] My wife has been cured of Rheumatism. * * * Facts To Be Remembered. It is unexcelled for catarrh. Lame back vanishes at its use. * * * It has cured Salt Rheum and Eczema * * * It is fine for Neuralgia and Rheumatism."

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19193. Adulteration and misbranding of Betalax. U. S. v. 141 Packages of Betalax. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 27606. I. S. No. 38987. S. No. 5636.)

Examination of a drug product, known as Betalax, from the shipment herein described showed that the article was represented to be an antiseptic and digestant, whereas it was not antiseptic and possessed no protein-digestant power and little if any starch-digestant power. The labeling also bore unwarranted curative and therapeutic claims.

On December 26, 1931, the United States attorney, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 141 packages of Betalax, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Boston, Mass., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Betalax Co. (Inc.), from Mount Vernon, N. Y., on or about November 4, 1931, and had been transported from the State of New York into the State of Massachusetts, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of hydrated magnesium oxide, lactose, small proportions of magnesium carbonate, peppermint oil, and anise oil. The article possessed no proteolytic power, and a negligible amylolytic power. Bacteriological examination showed that the article would not be an intestinal antiseptic.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that its strength fell below the professed standard or quality under which it was sold, namely, that it contained "Intestinal Antiseptics and Digestives."

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement, "Combined with Intestinal Antiseptics and Digestives," appearing on the carton and package label, was false and misleading. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the following statements appearing in the labeling, regarding the curative or therapeutic effect of the article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effect claimed: "Betalax is effectively employed in the treatment of * * * Auto-Intoxication, Intestinal Fermentation, Indigestion, * * * Palpitation, Gastritis and Cystitis."

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